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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT UNDER 37 CFR § 1.143**

TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

In response to the July 8, 2004 restriction requirement under 35 USC § 121, the Applicants, acting through their attorney, respond as follows:

**REMARKS**

For a Restriction Requirement to be proper, the inventions must be independent or distinct as claimed, **and** there must be a serious burden on the Examiner if restriction is